

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicants: F. KOIKE, et al

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For: APPARATUS, METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR SUPPORTING
A REVIEW

Group: 2178

Examiner: M. J. Ludwig

RESPONSE**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

May 1, 2007

The present application has pending claims 1-20.

The present Response is being filed as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) which also submitted an Information Disclosure Statement. It should be noted that the RCE includes a Request for Suspension of Action on the present application under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of 3 months.

The present Response being subsequent to the April 2, 2007 Amendment hereby incorporated said Amendment herein by reference. In said Amendment, amendments were made to the claims to overcome various rejections including rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph and 35 USC §103(a). Also, amendments were made to the claims to place some of the claims in condition for allowance including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims

of the present application in light of said Amendment and the present Response is respectfully requested.


With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner to consider the references cited therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (ASA-1163).

Respectfully submitted,

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